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INCOME CALCULATIONS – SANCTIONED INDIVIDUALS

- A. Individual sanctions are imposed for failure to comply with work and/or substance abuse eligibility requirements, and apply to:
1. Children 16 or 17, not the head of household and not in school, who fail to comply with work requirements
 2. Minor parents or adults who fail to comply with substance abuse treatment programs, including initial screening
 3. Minor parents who are not the head of household, who refuse to sign the drug screening authorization form **(DHR/FIA #1176)**
- B. The **earned income** of a sanctioned child is **not counted**
- C. All **unearned income** of a sanctioned child is **counted**
- D. **All** of the **earned and unearned income** of a sanctioned adult is **counted**
- E. The needs of the sanctioned person are removed from the grant. The needs are the difference between the grant with and without the sanctioned individual.

EXAMPLES:

Example 1. Mr. Talbot is receiving TCA for himself, a 17-year old son, and a 10-month-old daughter. The son is not in school and will not comply with work requirements. This is the son's third instance of non-compliance. The 17-year old delivers newspapers on the weekends and earns \$25 per week. He also receives a monthly contribution of \$50 from his grandmother because he is her only grandchild. Mr. Talbot works part-time and earns \$200 a month. He pays \$24 a week for child care.

\$200 = Gross monthly earnings

- 70 = 35% disregard

\$130

-100 = Child care expense

\$ 30 = Net countable earnings

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+ 50 = Son's unearned contribution from his grandmother

\$ 80 = Total countable monthly income

\$417 = TCA benefit amount for 3

- 89 = Needs of the son (\$417 - \$328)

\$328

- 80 = Total countable monthly income

\$248 = TCA benefit grant amount

Food stamp participation and medical assistance coverage continue for Mr. Talbot, his son, and his daughter. For food stamps, the \$89 is included as phantom income.

Example 2. Mrs. Montgomery is receiving assistance for herself, and 3 children. She receives unemployment insurance benefits of \$200 a month, and her needs are being removed from the TCA assistance unit for not complying with substance abuse screening. She must now meet the work requirements.

\$503 = TCA benefit amount for 4

- 86 = Needs of Mrs. Montgomery (\$503 - \$417)

\$417

- 200 = Unemployment insurance benefits monthly amount

\$217 = TCA benefit grant amount

Food stamp participation and medical assistance coverage continue for Mrs. Montgomery and her family. Her unemployment insurance benefits are available to the assistance unit even though she is not in the assistance unit. \$86 is phantom income.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Sanctions - Work Requirements and Substance Abuse
- Sanctions – Substance Abuse

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